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1. RELIABLE FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US THAT FRENCH EMBASSY MINISTER MORIZET CALLED OCT 9 UNDER INSTRUCTIONS ON FONOFF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SIMON TO INQUIRE CONCERNING FRG REACTION TO FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION OF THE NATO FIFTEEN. MORIZET INDICATED THAT SIMILAR HIGH LEVEL APPROACHES WERE BEING MADE BY FRENCH EMBASSIES IN OTHER NATO CAPITALS. IN HIS REMARKS, MORIZET EMPHASIZED THAT THE OCT 3 DRAFT DECLARATION REPRESENTED AN IMPORTANT FURTHER STEP IN THE DIRECTION WHICH FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY HAS MANIFESTED SINCE THE JOBERT SPEECH TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY LAST JUNE. MORIZET ADDED THAT THE FRENCH TEXT WAS "OPEN"; I.E., FRANCE COULD IMAGINE ADDITIONS AND/OR MODIFICATIONS IN AREAS OF INTEREST TO OTHER ALLIES SUCH AS TURKEY, GREECE, CANADA OR NORWAY. MORIZET SAID SUCH MODIFICATIONS COULD RELATE TO ARTICLE TWO (ECONOMIC COOPERATION) OR ARTICLE THREE (DEMOCRATIC BASIS, ETC.) OF NATO TREATY.

2. IN REPLYING, SIMON WARMLY WELCOMED FRENCH DRAFT, WHAT MORIZET SAID IT REPRESENTED IN CURRENT DEVELOPMENT OF FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY, AND FRENCH READINESS TO CONSIDER MODIFICATIONS IN INTERESTS OF OTHER ALLIES. SIMON ALSO EXPRESSED PARTICULAR SATISFACTION AT FRENCH EMPHASIS ON "IRREPLACEABLE" U.S. DEFENSE ROLE AND FRENCH REFERENCE TO FUTURE EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF EVOLUTION TOWARD EC POLITICAL UNION.

3. SIMON SAID BONN'S ONLY SERIOUS OBJECTION RELATED TO ABSENCE OF MBFR IN SECOND FRENCH PARAGRAPH, ADDRESSING SECURITY NEGOTIATIONS. MORIZET SAID MBFR HAD BEEN COVERED BY INFERENCE IN PASSAGES (AT MIDDLE OF TEXT) REFERRING TO MAINTAINING FORCES AT SUFFICIENT LEVELS TO CARRY OUT ALLIED TASKS OF DEFENSE AND DETERRENCE. WHEN SIMON SUGGESTED THAT GENERAL FORMULATIONS, ENCOMPASSING BOTH CSCE AND MBFR SHOULD BE MORE CONCRETE, MORIZET SAID ON PERSONAL BASES THAT THIS COULD BE EXPLORED.

4. TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, FONOFF REP SAID MORIZET MADE CLEAR CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT FRANCE COULD NOT ACCEPT REFERENCE TO "CURRENT TOPIC" OF BURDEN SHARING BEYOND POLITICAL TYPE COMMITMENTS ALREADY IN TEXT. FONOFF REP SAID BONN ALSO PREFERRED TO PITCH TONE AND ACCORD CONTENT OF NATO DECLARATION WITH MORE PERMANENT RATHER THAN "CURRENT ISSUES" QUALITY. FURTHER, FONOFF SOURCE SAID FRG WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE LONG TERM BURDEN SHARING COMMITMENT IN THE DECLARATION.

5. COMMENT. AS REPORTED REF C, THE GERMANS CONSIDER
FRENCH TEXT AND GLOSS BY DE ROSE (REF B) AND NOW
MORIZET TO BE POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN
FRENCH POLICY TOWARD EUROPEAN UNIFICATION AND NATO.
GERMANS ATTACH SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO FRENCH REFERENCES
TO POLITICAL UNIFICATION AND, "IN DUE TIME," EUROPEAN
DEFENSE COOPERATION GOALS.
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